

## APPENDIX A: CLINICAL DEFINITION OF ISOLATED CABG FOR DATA YEARS 2000-2002

### Definition/Description:

When any of the procedures listed in section A is performed concurrently with the coronary artery bypass surgery, the surgery will be considered non-isolated and the data element coded 'No.' It is not possible to list all procedures because cases can be complex and clinical definitions imprecise. When in doubt, the data abstractor should first seek an opinion from the responsible surgeon and then consult CCMRP.

### Section A (Excluded):

- Any aortic aneurysm repair (abdominal or thoracic)
- Aorta-iliac-femoral bypass
- Aorta-renal bypass
- Aorta-subclavian-carotid bypass
- Caval-pulmonary artery anastomosis
- Coronary artery fistula
- Endarterectomy of aorta
- Excision of aneurysm of heart
- Extracranial-intracranial (EC-IC) vascular bypass
- Head and neck, intracranial endarterectomy
- Heart transplantation
- Implantation of cardiomyostimulation system (Note: Refers to cardiomyoplasty systems only, not other heart-assist systems such as pacemakers or internal cardiac defibrillators (ICDs))
- Mastectomy for breast cancer (not simple breast biopsy)
- Maze procedures, surgical or catheter
- Operations on structures adjacent to heart valves (papillary muscle, chordae tendineae, trabeculae carneae cordis, annuloplasty, infundibulectomy)
- Other open heart surgeries, such as aortic arch repair, pulmonary endarterectomy
- Repair of atrial and ventricular septa, excluding closure of patent foramen ovale
- Repair of certain congenital cardiac anomalies, excluding closure of patent foramen ovale (e.g., tetralogy of fallot, atrial septal defect (ASD), ventricular septal defect (VSD), valvular abnormality)
- Resection of a portion of the lung (e.g., excision of an emphysematous bleb, lobectomy or segmental resection of lung). Does not include simple biopsy of lung nodule in which surrounding lung is not resected or biopsy of a thoracic lymph node
- Thoracic endarterectomy (endarterectomy on an artery outside the heart)
- Valve repairs or replacements
- Ventriculectomy

If a procedure listed in section B is performed concurrently with the coronary artery bypass surgery, the surgery will be considered an isolated CABG and the data element coded 'Yes,' unless a procedure listed in section A is performed during the same surgery. These particular procedures are listed because the Office has received frequent questions regarding their coding.

**Section B**

- Coronary endarterectomy
- Internal cardiac defibrillators (ICDs)
- Fem-fem cardiopulmonary bypass (a form of cardiopulmonary bypass that should not be confused with aortofemoral bypass surgery listed in Section A)
- Pacemakers
- Pericardiectomy and excision of lesions of heart
- Repair/restoration of the heart or pericardium
- Transmyocardial laser revascularization (TMR)